

PORT & RESOURCE RECOVERY DEPARTMENT

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY HARBOR COMMISSION

A meeting was held on **Monday, October 9th, 2017**

Port & Resource Recovery Department | 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54302

1) Call to Order:

The meeting was officially called to order by President Tom Klimek at 10:33 am.

2) Roll Call:

Present: President Tom Klimek
Vice President Bryan Hyska
Commissioner Hank Wallace
Commissioner Tim Feldhausen
Commissioner Mike Vizer
Commissioner Bernie Erickson

Excused: Commissioner Ngosong Fonkem
Commissioner Peter Zaehringer
Commissioner Ron Antonneau

Also Present: Dean Haen, Brown County P&RR
Shelby Schraufnagel, Brown County P&RR
Senator Cowles
Jim & Sylvia Graefe, Resident
Troy Gawronski, Foth
Paul Spillers, Tetra Tech
Richard Feeney, Tetra Tech
Randy Siewert, RGL Holdings

3) Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda – *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Tim Feldhausen and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

4) Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes of July 31st, 2017 – *Request for Approval*

A motion to approve the minutes of July 31st, 2017 was made by Mike Vizer and seconded by Bernie Erickson. Unanimously approved.

5) Announcements/Communication

No announcements and communications.

6) 2018 Budget – Update

Mr. Haen provided the Statement of Funds. There have been no changes to the budget at this point from either Finance or the Executive. The County Executive's budget included a 1.84% cost of living salary increase. The Executive's budget will be presented for approval at PD&T on October 16th.

Bernie Erickson abstained.

7) Bay Port Disposal Application – Update

The Fox River Clean-Up Project approached the County requesting an arrangement to use Bayport for depositing clean-up project material. The material from the mouth of the river and out into the bay is cleaner sediment. The DNR had to approve a plan modification for the remedial dredge material going into Bay Port. About \$10,000 of engineering work was performed to prepare the submittal. The Project withdrew their interest in using Bay Port because the County would not give them indemnification on their material. The Project has agreed to pay the \$10,000 of expenses the County incurred.

Commissioner Erickson asked where the material will go. Mr. Haen stated that they will run the material through their facility on State Street as if it was any other material. Ultimately, the material goes to Advanced Disposal in Chilton.

A motion to open discussion to the public was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded Mike Vizer. Unanimously approved.

Troy Gawronski confirmed what Mr. Haen stated. Unfortunately, indemnification was a deal breaker for the Project. Commissioner Erickson asked when dredging will be complete. Mr. Gawronski stated that the plan is to finish dredging in 2018 and little capping in 2019.

A motion to return to regular order of business was made by Bernie Erickson and seconded by Tim Feldhausen. Unanimously approved.

8) Renard Island End-Use – Update

The County started the Renard Island End-Use Committee in May. The committee continues to meet and grow. Representatives from PMI and the Visitor's Convention Bureau have presented ideas as well as hearing from a horticulturist about what can grow on the island. Edgewater Resources, a coastal design company with experience in development of coastal brownfields, presented on developing/planning on challenging properties. The committee agreed to pursue the Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant to hire a planning consultant to assist in determining the Island's end use in consultation with stakeholders' input. The grant is a 60/40 match. The grant is due in the beginning of November. Local sponsor requests have been made verbally and by letters. Possible sponsors include McDonald's Lumber Company, NEW Water, Associated

Bank, Friends of Bay Beach, City of Green Bay, WPS Foundation, etc. The City has been encouraged to be part of the committee.

Commissioner Erickson invited Harry Meyer to the last committee meeting as a link to the City in addition to Alderman Joe Moore.

Commissioner Feldhausen inquired about the City's participation. Mr. Haen stated they have not responded to the written request. Commissioner Erickson remembers a resolution being passed several years ago that states any development on the Island would be in cooperation to enhance Bay Beach.

Commissioner Hyska stated that the consulting firm is conscience of blending the Island activities with downtown Green Bay.

Commissioner Vizer asked if the end-use plan incorporates building additional roads or piers. Mr. Haen stated that the Lakebed Grant requires piers must be included in a design. Recreational boaters may be able to tie up to a pier on the Island; however, it may not be ideal because of wind/waves.

Mr. Haen received an email from a member of the Friends of Bay Beach Board, David Charles. He questioned our interest in developing Renard Island near coal plants, the waste water treatment plant and other unfavorable businesses. The Friends of Bay Beach would like Renard Island to remain unused.

9) Terminal Operator Certification – Update

In the 2015 Strategic Plan we identified an interest in creating a certification education program for terminal operators and key partners to understand the impact of their operations. Advance Economic Development will be presenting an appreciation certification to businesses in the greater Green Bay community. Mr. Haen asked Peter Zaehring if the Port could recognize a business. Mr. Haen stated that Georgia Pacific will be recognized. This joint effort will meet the strategic plan objectives.

10) Director's Report – Update

Mr. Haen stated that Great Lakes' ports and other industry stakeholders have taken issue with pilotage rate increases granted by the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard came out with additional increases for 2017. To evaluate the effect these increases are having the Coast Guard hired Martin Associates, the same company who performed the Great Lakes Economic Impact Study. The study found that there is a negative impact on Great Lakes shipping industry from increasing pilotage rates in the past few years.

The East Central Regional Planning Commission is performing an I-41 economic development strategy with the company TIP Strategies. They will involve the Port of Green Bay because they are looking at all corridors of transportation, rail, water and highway.

The sediment pond at the Bylsby property will be accelerated to completion. GLC Minerals is interested in leasing the entire property for additional storage space.

The State DOT passed the State Freight Plan. In the plan the DOT recognized a need to establish oversize & overweight (OS/OW) corridors. The Port of Milwaukee began the process of

determining oversize, overweight corridors. Mr. Haen met with DOT staff to determine the process Green Bay would need to follow. The DOT staff communicated to Mr. Haen that they would assist with the process instead of take the lead. To eliminate municipalities dictating which routes will be taken it would be easiest for the DOT to determine oversize & overweight corridors for the Port of Green Bay as well as elsewhere in the state. Mr. Haen encourages legislators to get involved to see this project through with the DOT taking the lead.

11) Acknowledgement of Bills – Request for Approval

A motion to approve Acknowledgement of Bills was made by Hank Wallace and seconded by Bryan Hyska. Unanimously approved.

12) Tonnage Report – Request for Approval

September was a very busy month for ship arrivals. The tonnage gap was closed to a 4% decrease between September 2016 YTD and September 2017 YTD.

A motion to approve the Tonnage Report was made by Tim Feldhausen and second by Bernie Erickson. Unanimously approved.

13) Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law – Update

No other matters.

14) Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the Harbor Commission meeting at 11:20 am was made by Mike Vizer and seconded by Tim Feldhausen. Unanimously approved.

Tom Klimek, President
Harbor Commission

Dean R. Haen, Director
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